

What is claimed is:

1. A frying apparatus comprising:
 - 5 a) a cooking container having a bottom surface and a side wall, the side wall extending upwardly from the bottom surface to a top edge of the side wall, the bottom surface and the side wall defining an interior volume of the container;
 - b) a shield comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein
10 the upper portion comprises a sidewall having an interior surface, a lower edge, and a bottom, said bottom having a traversing hole, an upper surface connected to the lower edge of the side wall, and a lower surface and wherein the lower portion of the shield has a
15 sidewall having an upper edge connected to the lower surface of the bottom.
2. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the bottom of the shield is downwardly slanting.
- 20 3. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the bottom of the shield projects from the interior surface of the sidewall of the upper portion of the shield.

4. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sidewall of the lower portion of the shield is configured to be removably received by the cooking container.
- 5 5 The frying apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the sidewall of the lower portion of the shield is contiguous with the sidewall of the cooking container.
5. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a supporting stand.
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6. The frying apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising a securing means disposed to secure the cooking container to the supporting stand.
- 15 7. The frying apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the securing means is a plurality of straps.
8. The frying apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the securing means has a first end and a second end, said first end and said second end each
20 having a means of attachment.

9. The frying apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the means of attachment on first end of supporting strap is removably attached to a first receptacle of the cooking container.
- 5 10. The frying apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the means of attachment on the first end of supporting strap is removably attached to a first receptacle of the shield.
- 10 11. The frying apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the means of attachment on the second end of each supporting strap attaches to a receptacle on the supporting stand.
12. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, comprising at least one handle.
- 15 13. The frying apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the at least one handle is adapted for manually carrying the container by the handle.
14. The frying apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the at least one handle is attached to the outside of the shield.
- 20 15. The frying apparatus according to claim 13 wherein the at least one handle is attached to the outside of the cooking container.

16. The frying apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a lid,
wherein the lid covers the upper portion of the shield.

17. A frying apparatus comprising:

5 a) a cooking container having a bottom surface and a side wall, the
side wall extending upwardly from the bottom surface to a top edge of the side
wall, the bottom surface and the side wall defining an interior volume of the
container;

b) a shield comprising an upper portion and a lower portion, wherein
10 the upper portion comprises a sidewall having an interior surface, a lower edge,
and a bottom, said bottom having a traversing hole, an upper surface connected
to the lower edge of the side wall, and a lower surface and wherein the lower
portion of the shield has a side wall having an upper edge connected to the lower
surface of the bottom, and wherein the bottom of the shield is downwardly
15 sloping; wherein the sidewall of the lower portion of the shield is configured to be
removably received by the cooking container;

c) a supporting stand;

d) a securing means disposed to secure the cooking container to the
supporting stand, wherein the securing means is plurality of straps, each strap
20 having a first end and a second end, said first end and said second end each
having a means of attachment, and wherein the means of attachment on first end
of the securing means is removably attached to a first receptacle of the frying

apparatus and the means of attachment on the second end of each supporting strap attaches to a receptacle on the supporting stand; and

e) at least one handle adapted for manually carrying the container by the handle.

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18. The frying apparatus according to claim 17 further comprising a lid, wherein the lid covers the upper portion of the shield.

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